

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No. : 10/506,492 Confirmation No. 1386
Applicant : Toshihiko Ushiro, et al.
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Examiner : Rhonda S. Peace
Docket No. : 39.049
Customer No. : 29453

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Because reconsideration is being requested in view of the telephone interview conducted on September 6, 2006 between Ms. Rhonda Peace, the Examiner in this case, Mr. John Lee, Primary Examiner, and Chris Streinz, appointed as an associate agent by Applicants' undersigned agent of record to represent Applicants in this case, on Applicants' behalf the following summary is submitted. (Chris Streinz originally initiated the interview.)

Interview Summary Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)

- 1) Pending claim 1 was discussed.
- 2) The specific prior art discussed was: U.S. Patent 6,795,636 to Cronk et al.
- 3) No amendments were proposed or discussed.
- 4) Chris Streinz initiated the interview for the purpose of better understanding Examiner's rejection in view of the Cronk et al. reference. On Applicants' behalf, Chris Streinz explained his view that Cronk et al. does not teach a diffraction grating included in a DLC material as recited in claim 1. Rather,

Cronk et al. teaches a protective DLC film deployed on an optical fiber through which a diffraction grating is written to the optical fiber.

- 5) No other matters were discussed.
- 6) Agreement was reached that Cronk et al. does not teach, or even suggest, a diffraction grating included in a DLC material and that the rejection of independent claim 1 in view of Cronk et al. is therefore improper. Applicants were to submit a formal response traversing the rejection of claim 1.

Respectfully submitted,

September 26, 2006

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